

2023 NC Child Care Commission Approved Formative Assessments

*It is recommended that NC Pre-Kindergarten programs use the GOLD formative assessment in order to most easily participate in the transition to kindergarten project providing child development data to kindergarten teachers; however, programs may use any formative assessment tool that has been approved by the NC Child Care Commission. All NC Pre-K teachers are **required** to document child growth and development data from the Spring/Final Checkpoint in the MyTeachingStrategies® platform regardless of which formative assessment tool is selected.*

The below list is the approved list of formative assessments for birth to four-year-old classrooms.

Balanced Assessment Evidence of Learning Portfolio

Primrose Schools® Franchising Company, 2021

<https://www.primroseschools.com/>

Approved for use in Primrose Schools® with the stipulation that it is used with the *Balanced Learning*® curriculum and that teachers must use the formative assessment to inform planning.

Cognitive Toybox

Cognitive Toolbox, Inc.®, 2021

www.cognitivetoybox.com

Approved with the stipulation that only observation-based tools are used with children under three-years-old.

COR Advantage

High Scope Educational Research Foundation, 2014

<https://www.Highscope.org>

Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)

California Department of Education, 2015

<https://www.desiredresults.us/>

Galileo Pre-K Online

Assessment Technology, Inc., 2012-2017

Ati-online.com

GOLD

Teaching Strategies, Inc. 2010-2011

TeachingStrategies.com

Learning Care System

Learning Care Group

<https://www.learningcaregroup.com/>

Approved with the stipulation that it is used with Learning Care Group curricula in Learning Care Group early childhood education programs.

Meaningful Assessment and Planning Process (MAPP)

Bright Horizons, 2021

<https://www.brighthorizons.com/>

Approved for use with the *World At Their Fingertips* curriculum in Bright Horizons early childhood programs.

Mother Goose Time Formative Assessment

Experience Early Learning™, Published annually

mothergoosetime.com

Approved for use with *Mother Goose Time* curriculum.

Preschool Child Observation Record (COR), 2d Edition

HighScope Press, 2003

The Creative Curriculum® Developmental Continuum for Ages 3-5

Teaching Strategies, Inc., 2001

The InvestiGator Club® Just for Threes Assessment and Intervention System

Robert-Leslie Publishing, The Early Childhood Company®, 2022

www.investigatorclub.com/

Approved for use with *The InvestiGator Club Just for Threes Learning System*.

The InvestiGator Club® Pre-Kindergarten Assessment and Intervention System, NC Edition

Robert-Leslie Publishing, The Early Childhood Company®, 2012-2017 and 2022

www.investigatorclub.com/

Approved for use with *The InvestiGator Club® Prekindergarten Learning System, NC Edition*.

Work Sampling System® Preschool - 4, 4th Edition

Pearson, 2001

Work Sampling System®, 5th Edition

Pearson, Inc., 2013

pearsonclinical.com

Approved with the stipulation that programs purchase the P-3 and P-4 Combined Classroom Kit.

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This list does not constitute an endorsement of any program using an approved formative assessment.